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### **EMPLOYMENT**

**Cornell University**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, 2011-present

Member of the Field, Latin American Studies Program

Courses taught:

*Anthropology of Christianity*

*Anthropology of Sacrifice*

*Sacrifice Now*

*Inter-war Anthropologies*

*Latin American Forms of Colonial Possession*

*Global Christianity and Politics*

*Research Design*

*Prison Worlds*

*The New Latin American State*

*Myth, Ritual, and Symbol*

*Anthropology and the Nonhuman* (Fall '15)

*Proseminar: Social Organization* (Spring '16)

**Cornell University**

Faculty Fellowship in Residency, Society for the Humanities,  
2013-14

Course taught:

*Through the Prison Threshold*

**Cornell University**

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, 2009-  
2011

Courses taught:

*The Politics of Global Charity*

*Anthropology of Sacrifice*

*Latin American Forms of Colonial Possession*

*Anthropology of Humanitarianism*

**Sarah Lawrence College**, Visiting Assistant, Department of Anthropology,  
2006-2009

Courses taught:

*Sacrifice Now: the politics of life, death, & immortality*  
*Explosive Latin America: guns, terror, & everyday violence*  
*What is Religion? anthropological perspectives*  
*Latin American Anthropology: sub-versions of culture, politics, & history*  
*Stateless Peoples in Latin America*  
*Anthropology of Contemporary Religion*  
*The Ethnographer's Craft*  
*Love™, Ltd.: Charity, Philanthropy, & Humanitarianism*  
*Militarization / Demilitarization*

**City College of New York (CUNY)**, Adjunct Lecturer, International Studies,  
Spring 2006

Course taught:  
*Social Foundations of International Studies*

**Princeton University**, Assistant Lecturer, Philosophy, Fall 2005

Course Taught:  
*Practical Ethics* (position supervised by Dr. Peter Singer)

## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Princeton University**, Anthropology, 2009

Dissertation: *"Whither Charity? Andean Catholic Politics & the Secularization of Sacrifice"*

**M.A. George Washington University**, Anthropology, 1999

**B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara**, Anthropology and Sociology, 1996

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**Faculty Fellowship**, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2013-14

**Conference Funding**, *"Religion, Abolition, Mass Incarceration,"*  
October 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Cornell University

*Africana Studies & Research Center | American Indian Program | American Studies Program | Center for the Study of Inequality | Cornell University Library | Department of Anthropology | Department of Government | Department of History | Department of Romance Studies | Department of Sociology | Latin American Studies Program | Latino/a Studies Program | Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies | Program on Ethics and Public Life | Religious Studies Program | Society for the Humanities | The Telluride Association*

**Central NY Humanities Corridor Grant**, “Revival Cultures: the Burned Over District, and Beyond” 2012, 2013, 2014 (renewed three times)

**Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Cornell, 2009-11

**Faculty Residential Fellowships**, The Telluride Association, Cornell Branch, 2010-11, 2011-12

**Research Grant**, Zeising Fund for Faculty Research, Sarah Lawrence, 2008

**President’s Fellowship**, Princeton, 1999-2005

**Dissertation Research Award**, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton, 2004-5

**Project Grant**, Center for the Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton, 2002-3

**Dissertation Research Awards**, Council on Regional Studies, Princeton, 2001 & 2002

**Conference Funding**, “*The Andrew W. Mellon Conference on Witnessing in Latin America*,”

September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2002, Princeton University  
*The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation | Program in Latin American Studies | Department of Spanish & Portuguese Languages and Cultures | Department of Anthropology | Office of Graduate Student Life*

**Summer Research Award**, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 2001

**General Examination Honors**, George Washington University, 1998

**University Fellowship**, George Washington University, 1998-1999

**Scholar-Athlete Awards**, Big West Conference (NCAA Division I intercollegiate swimming), 1994  
& 1995

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Monographs in Preparation***

- Saintly Ethics: The Politics of Charity, Hagiography and 'the Enemy' in Ecuador
- Through the Prison Threshold: from Neoliberalism to Neosocialism in Ecuador

### ***Edited Collection***

*Prison Climates in the Global South: Governance, Transition, and Survival*  
*Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*  
(co-editor, with A. Jefferson & T. Martin)

### ***Peer Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters***

'Prisons of Charity': Christian Exceptionality and the Penal State in Latin America  
*Faith-Based Charity and the Security State* (ed. Erica Caple James) Santa Fe:  
School for Advanced Research Press

"Maroon Prisoners and Outlaw Religions: Troubling Baroque Penalty in Latin America"  
*Political and Legal Anthropology Review*

Neoliberal Saints: Economic Avowals of Private Sacrifice in Opus Dei's Ecuador  
Request for resubmission to *American Ethnologist*

The Interspecies Logic of Race in Colonial Peru: San Martín de Porres' Animal Brotherhood

*Sainthood and Race: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh* (2014 Routledge U. Press)

American Race & Hagiographic License: Finding *Martín de Porres* in *Obama Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, v. 97, n. 3 pp. 376-84(Special Issue, "The Beauty of Charisma")

Denuding Surveillance at the Carceral Boundary  
*South Atlantic Quarterly* 114(3) 2014  
(Special Themed Issue: "Prison Realities: Views from around the World," ed. Leonidas Cheliotis)  
(Winner, 2014 Best Public Intellectual Special Issue Award, US Council of Editors of Learned Journals )

Ecuador's 'black site': On prison securitization and its zones of legal silence  
*Focaal: the Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* forthcoming in n. 68 (2014)

Abstracting the checkpoint: American dream-lives and security nightmares  
*Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 50.1, February (2014)

People's mic and democratic charisma: Occupy Wall Street's frontier assemblies  
*Focaal: the Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology* 66: (2013): 88-102

Occupy Wall Street, Open Ethnography, and the Uncivilized Slot  
*Intergraph: a Journal of Dialogical Anthropology* v. 3 n. 2 (2011)

El poder de la pólvora: apuntes sobre la paramilitarización  
*URVIO, Revista Latinoamericana de la Seguridad Ciudadana*, n. 10, November, pp. 123-133 (2011)

The Cross Politics of Ecuador's Penal State.  
*Cultural Anthropology* v. 25, n.3 (August 2010)

Mauss Redux: From Warfare's Human Toll to *L'homme Total*. (with Alex Jones)  
*Anthropological Quarterly*, v. 82, n. 1 (2009)

Exclusión constitutiva: las 'organizaciones pantalla' y lo anti-social en la renovación urbana de Guayaquil.  
*ÍCONOS* v. 20, August 2004 (the academic journal of FLACSO, Ecuador)

### **Article-Length Works and Review Essays**

Prisons and Criminal Justice (with José Castañeda, Erin Routon, Amir Hussein, and Eric Krasnow)  
(forthcoming bibliographic essay with *Oxford Bibliographies in Latin America* (ed. Gloria Yip)

Sacrifice  
*Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology* (eds. Jon McGee, Richard Warms)  
Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications

Informal Prison Dynamics in Africa and Latin America  
*Criminal Justice Matters* 91: 1 (March, 2013) (with Sasha Darke & Tomas Martin)

Entre cruces del estado penal: el caso ecuatoriano neoliberal, 2003-4  
*Ecuador Debate*, n. 81 (December 2010)

Is Another Humanitarianism Possible?  
*Voices Magazine* (Cornell University) December, 2009

The Ethical Turn... to Saintliness? an ethnographic provocation.  
*Anthropology and Humanism* (review essay) v. 32 n.2 (2007)

Culture  
(encyclopedia article) *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*.  
ed. Michael J. Francis. New York: ABC-CLIO Press (2005)

Opus Dei  
(encyclopedia article) *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*.  
ed. Michael J. Francis. New York: ABC-CLIO Press (2005)

Saints & Saintliness  
(encyclopedia article) *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*.  
ed. Michael J. Francis. New York: ABC-CLIO Press (2005)

Science and the Saint: in Pursuit of Padre López.  
*Troubador Magazine* (Princeton University), May 2002, Spring Issue

Ache Community and Anthropological Knowledge: A Study of Technology and Modernity  
M.A. Thesis, George Washington University, 1999

## **Invited Anthropological Blog Writing**

Contact/Access: Integration

Invited short essay for *Cultural Anthropology Online*

(<http://production.culanth.org/fieldsights/57-contact-access-integration>)

February, 2013

People's Mic & 'Leaderful' Charisma

*Hot Spots* (invited blog post, *Cultural Anthropology* blog site, July 2012)

#OccupyMeridian180 Forum (a pair of 500-word posts)

*Meridian 180* (Cornell University Law School "Transpacific Dialogue" website)

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Preamble to an Ethnography of the People's Mic

*Somatosphere* (U. Chicago-based anthropology and STS weblog) October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Teaching Critique of Humanitarianism: A Syllabus for Comparative Study

*Somatosphere* (U. Chicago-based medical anthropology weblog) August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

Interview and Photo Essay, Online Supplemental Section for "The Cross Politics of Ecuador's Penal State"

*Cultural Anthropology Online* (August 2010) (<http://www.culanth.org/?q=node/344>)

## **Book Reviews**

Review of R. Andrew Chestnut's *Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint*. (Oxford University

Press, 2012) *Anthropos* (January 2013)

Review of Kate Swanson's *Begging as a Path to Progress: Indigenous Women and Children and the Struggle for*

*Ecuador's Urban Spaces*. (U. Georgia Press, 2010) *Anthropos* v. 107 September (2012)

Review of Paul J. Vanderwood's *Juan Soldado: Rapist, Murderer, Martyr, Saint* (Duke U, 2006)

*Material Religion*, v. 5, n. 2 (2009)

Review of *Colonial Saints: Discovering the Holy in the Americas, 1500-1800*, Allan Greer & Jodi Bilinkoff.

eds. (Routledge, 2002) *Colonial Latin American Review* v. 14 n. 1 June 2005

Review of Ronald J. Morgan, *Spanish American Saints and the Rhetoric of Identity, 1600-1810*. (U. Arizona, 2002) *Hispanic American Historical Review* February 2004

After Genres: A Biography that Illuminates Ethnography.

Review of R. R. Grinker, *In the Arms of Africa: The Life of Colin M. Turnbull* (U. Chicago, 2001) *Anthropology and Humanism*, December 2002, v. 27 n. 2

## **Human Rights Reports**

En las afueras de la cárcel  
*Comite Permanente por la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos*—Guayaquil, Agosto 2012  
(reprinted in yearly report on the state of human rights in Guayaquil, Ecuador.)

Situación de La Roca: el régimen penal de la máxima seguridad  
*Informe Anuario de Derechos Humanos 2011*

## **Single-Authored Monographs in Preparation**

*Saintly Ethics: the Politics of Charity, Hagiography and 'the Enemy' in Ecuador*

This ethnography problematizes why Catholic humanitarianism in Ecuador gained influence in the aftermath of the country's early 19<sup>th</sup> century decolonization, and beyond. I show historically and ethnographically how expert forms of biomedical and labor knowledge were incorporated as essential to the Catholic moral injunction to "care for the poor," exercising a variety of unintended consequences for lay and religious practitioners in today's world—not least of which being the moral hegemony of charitable work as a field of depoliticized "saintly ethics" in the country's neoliberal and counter-neoliberal public spheres.

*Through the Prison Threshold: from Neoliberalism to Neosocialism in Ecuador's Penal State*

This ethnography questions of the means and ends of the penal state in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The product of a decade's ethnographic work on how incarceration effects the state's ecology of violence, taking prisoners as well as prison staff and ordinary citizens into account, *Through the Prison Threshold* explores the under-acknowledged psychological and human depths of the institution of punitive enclosure, illuminating hidden modalities of carceral power in the workaday aspects of prison vocations—i.e. the way in which the prison becomes normal for individuals who must live and work and pass across the prison's threshold. Different chapters explore: (1) the rise of the Andean prison as a problem of perpetually deficient criminal justice, (2) the successes of religious protest for prisoners being held indefinitely, and (3)



the specter of the legality of solitary confinement ; (4) the corporal violations of prison checkpoints, and (5) the transition from a neo-liberal to a neo-socialist penal state.

## **FORMAL ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Invited Lectures***

The Fraught 'License' of Race: from Barack Obama to his 17<sup>th</sup> Century Avatar (and back again)

(Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program & Dept. of Anthropology, Sarah Lawrence C. Sept 25, 2014)

"Abstracting the Checkpoint: American Fantasy-Lives and Security Nightmares"

(Departments of Anthropology & Foreign Languages and Literatures, State University of New York—Oneonta, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014)

Prisons of Charity: *Confraternidad Carcelaria* and Religious Exceptionality in Ecuador's Penal State

(SAR Seminar: "Faith-Based Charity & the Security State" Santa Fe, NM, Dec 8-12, 2013)

Occupying Prisons, Disappearing Publics, and the Incarnating Movement of the Squares

( Keynote Panel: "U.S. Religion and Politics", Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University—St. Louis, MS, September 3-4<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

On People's Mic & 'Leaderful' Charisma

("The Beauty of Charisma" Conference, Syracuse University, Law School, Religion Department, and College of of Performing Arts, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

Checkpoint Clearance and 'Security Sexualization': The Prison Writ Large

- (Latin American Studies & Dept of Anthropology, University of Toronto, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013)
- (Department of Anthropology, Stanford University, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012)

Prison Climates in the South

(*Resisting the Eclipse: An International Symposium on Prison* Open University at Milton Keynes, UK, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

*La Roca* Penitentiary as Black Site? Interpreting 'Maximum Security' Discourse in Ecuador

(Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

The Infancy of Spanish American 'Race'

(Racial Saints Symposium, Department of Religion, Syracuse University, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

Neoliberal Saints: Opus Dei Charities and Law-Preserving Violence

- (Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011)
- (Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011)
- (Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011)
- (Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore College, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011)
- (Department of Anthropology, The London School of Economics, United Kingdom, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

The Infancy of Race in Colonial Peru: Brotherhood & the Animal.

(Clowes Center for the Study of Conflict & Dialogue, U. Washington, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

Is Preventive Imprisonment Neoliberal? Ethnographic Notes on the Ecuadorian Quandary

(Global Prisons Research Network Group Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010)

Confessional Sedimentations of 'Race' in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Lima, Peru.

(Program in Latin American Studies, Cornell University, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

One Sacrifice / Double Cross: inmate crucifixion protests & Ecuadorian political theology.

(Department of Anthropology, Cornell University, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009)

Opus Dei and the Charities of Tropical Neoliberalism.

(Department of Religion, Northwestern University, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008)

Betraying Hagiography: on the sub-versions of the messiah.

("The New Comparativism," Center for Comparative Literature and Society, *Columbia University*, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2005)

Espíritu de la biomedicina: Padre Luis López, un controvertido a santo del siglo XX.

(*Casa de Cultura*, Guayaquil, Ecuador, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

### ***Panels Organized or Chaired***

Precariedad y Mundos Carcelarios en América Latina I (Bolivia y Venezuela)

(panel co-organizer, Latin American Studies Association Congress, Puerto Rico, May 2015)

Is the Postcolonial Postsecular?

(panel chair, “Is the Postcolonial Secular” conference, Syracuse U, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013)

Institutions, Agency, and Race

(panel chair, “After Risk: Temporality, Aesthetics, Politics” Society for the Humanities Workshop, Cornell U. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

Activisms

(panel chair, Annual Meeting *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 2012)

War, Debt, & Charity.

(panel chair, Annual Meeting *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 2008)

Sacrifice Now.

(panel chair, Annual Meeting *American Anthropological Association* Washington DC, November 2005)

Understanding State Discipline: the secret lives of legislative imaginaries.

(panel organizer, Annual Meeting, *American Ethnological Society Conference*, San Diego, CA., April 2005)

Regeneraciones y Exclusiones: política cultural, moral y espacio en Guayaquil, Ecuador.

(panel organizer, *Encuentro II* Ecuatorianista Biannual Conference—Latin American Studies Association [LASA], Quito, Ecuador, June 2004)

The Andrew W. Mellon Conference on Witnessing in Latin America

(panel organizer, Princeton University, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2003)

Disciplinary Politics & Anthropological Knowledge: A Discussion About Integration & Disintegration

Between Anthropology’s Subfields.

(panel organizer, Department of Anthropology, *George Washington University*, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999)

### ***Panel & Roundtable Discussant Engagements***

Transnational Regimes of Policing and Incarceration

(roundtable discussant, American Studies Association Meeting, Toronto, Canada, Oct 8-11)

Precariedad y Mundos Carcelarios en América Latina I (Bolivia y Venezuela)

(panel discussant, Latin American Studies Association Congress, Puerto Rico, May 2015)

Salvage/Salvation

(panel discussant, *Imagining the Worst* conference, Department of Science & Technology Studies, Cornell University, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

Narrative Movement

(panel discussant, Visual Dynamism in Buddhism conference, East Asia and Medieval Studies Programs, Cornell University October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

Theorizing Punishment and the State

(panel discussant, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association*, Montreal, Canada, Nov. 2011)

Humor Within and Out of Bounds: Ethnographic Perspectives on Ludic Limits.

(panel discussant, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 2008)

Militants, Priests, Technocrats, and Other Scholars: Ecuadorian Anthropology and Indigenous

Peoples Since the 1970s.

(discussant for lecture by Carmen Martínez) *NYU Latin American Studies Workshop* New York University, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Conference Papers**

*Confraternidad Carcelaria* as De-secularized Justice? On the religious uses of 'avowal' in

Ecuador's penal state"

(paper, Latin American Studies Association conference, Puerto Rico, May 2015)

The Latin American Carceral: Between State & Para-State Capture

(paper, "Violence, Insecurity, and Democracy in Latin America" conference, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, May 5<sup>th</sup>)

Mexico's *La santa muerte*: Between State & Para-state Capture

(paper, "Counterstories of Greater Mexico" conference, Cornell U., March 21-22, 2014)

Occupying Prisons, Disappearing Publics, and the Incarnating Movement of the Squares

(paper, "Religion, Abolition, Mass Incarceration" Conference, Society for the Humanities, Cornell, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

Saintly Ethics and Private Publics

(paper, Annual Meeting *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 20012)

On Armed Checkpoints and “Security Clearance,” or Fire-Power’s Gender in Ecuadorian Prison.

(paper, ACLA 2012 Annual Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012)

Technologies of the Invisible: from biomedical foreclosures to Catholic medical charities

(paper, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association*, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2009)

What Political Satire Knows about Republics of Charity.

(paper, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 2008)

Whither Charity? Conservative body politics in post-Independence Ecuador.

(paper, Annual Meeting, *Society for Urban, Transnational, and Global Anthropology*, Tampa Bay, FL, March, 2007)

Many Obras: *trans. lit.* (a) ‘muchas public works;’ (b) ‘maneuvers;’ © ‘ironic urban regeneration’.

(poster, Annual Meeting, *Society for Urban, Transnational, and Global Anthropology*, Tampa Bay, FL, March, 2007)

Antisocials: the ‘base infrastructure’ of urban renewal in Latin America.

(paper, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association* San Jose, November 2006)

Opus Dei and Latin American Neo-conservatism.

(paper, Annual Meeting, *American Anthropological Association* Washington DC, November 2005)

Ecuador’s Cross Politics: inmate crucifixion protests and the anthropology of religious tradition.

(paper, Annual Meeting, *American Ethnological Society Conference*, San Diego, CA., April 2005)

La Batalla de Santos contra Sapos: el Opus Dei y la caridad publica en Guayaquil.

(paper, *Encuentro II*, Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Quito, Ecuador. June, 2004)

Perfect Disfigurement? Mercedes Molina’s *vida activa* and the bio-politics of religious charity.

(paper, *American Anthropological Association*, annual meeting, Chicago IL. Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003)

On Witnessing in Latin America.

(opening address, The Andrew W. Mellon Conference on Witnessing in Latin America, *Princeton University*, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002)

Re-witnessing Martín de Porres: saintliness, asceticism, & comparative conquest.  
(paper, The Andrew W. Mellon Conference on Witnessing in Latin America,  
*Princeton University*, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002)

The Charisma of Padre López: modern saints and science in Ecuador.  
(paper, Program in Latin American Studies, *Princeton University* Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>,  
2001)

Ache People and Scientific Technology: perspectives on ethnography and  
indigenous discourse.  
(paper, *American Anthropological Association*, annual meeting, Chicago, IL.  
Nov 17-21,1999)

Tropes for Dopes or Jokes for Popes: how cultural anthropologists might benefit  
from the 'science  
and technology wars'.  
(paper, Department of Anthropology, *George Washington University*,  
Washington, DC. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>,1999)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Member of Editorial Board**, URVIO: Revista Latinoamericana de Seguridad  
Ciudadana, 2012- 13

**Senator—Dept. of Anthropology**, Faculty Senate, Cornell 2012-15 (on  
research leave, 2013-14)

**Chair—Public Affairs Committee**, Department of Anthropology, Cornell, 2014-

**Steering Committee Member**, Latin American Studies Program, Cornell, 2012-

**e-books Taskforce committee member, Cornell U. Library**, Spring and Fall  
2012

**Committee Member—Dept. of Anthropology**, Graduate & Undergraduate  
Survey, 2013

**Library Humanities Research and Collections Committee**, Departmental  
Representative,  
Cornell (2011-12, Spring 2015))

**Conference Co-Organizer & Director**, The Andrew W. Mellon Conference on  
Witnessing in  
Latin America: Interdisciplinary Conversations, Princeton, Sept 20-21 , 2002

**Conference Co-organizer**,

*Religion, Abolition, Decarceration*, October 4-5<sup>th</sup>, Society for the Humanities  
Cornell University.

*Violence and Security in Latin America*, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Latin American Studies  
Program, Cornell

**Chair of the Honors Thesis Workshop**, Department of Anthropology Cornell  
(2011-)

**Victor Turner Prize Committee Member**, Society for Humanistic  
Anthropology (2010)

**Service Lectures**

Auburn Maximum Security Facility, *Cornell Prison Education Program* (August  
4, 2010)

*Anthropology Graduate Student Association*, Cornell University (October 6th,  
2010 & September 13th,  
2011)

"Anthropology of Humanitarianism" The Scope of Anthropology, *ANTHR*  
*1401*, Cornell

University (November 10th, 2010)

Book Reading *South Hill Elementary School*, Professor Carrie LaZarre March  
2012

*The Telluride House* "Occupy Wall Street, Open Ethnography, and the  
Uncivilized Slot" (April 4th,  
2012)

"Prison(s) in Ecuador" *Cultural Diversity* Department of Anthropology" April  
6th, 2012

"Abstracting the Checkpoint in Contemporary Film and Media"

Robert Desjarlais, Sarah Lawrence College, October 28th, 2014

**Dissertation Committee Member,**

So- Timothy Haupt (Cornell, 2012, "Performing Workfare: An Ethnography of the  
called One Euro-Jobs)

Noni Session (Cornell 2012-)

Whitten Overby (History of Architecture, Cornell 2012-)

Natalie Nesvaderani Fowler (2013-)

Amir Hussein (2013-)

José Castañeda (2013-)

**Masters Thesis Committee Member**

Elizabeth Hardy (2014-)

**Dissertation Committee Chair**

Erin Routon (2013-)

Sena Aydin (2015-)

Ramon Pineda (2013-)

Ana Jacome (FLACSO-Ecuador, 2013-)

**Senior Honors Thesis Director**

Meaghan McSorley (2012-13), *Magna Cum Laude*  
Hannah Claudio (2012-13), *Magna Cum Laude*  
Christian Leavitt (2013-14)

**Program Director**, Latin American and Latino/a Studies Program, Sarah Lawrence College  
(2008-9)

**Host for Campus Lectures,**

*Program in Latin American and Latino Studies, Sarah Lawrence College*  
Mary Weismantel (2006), Hugo Benavides (2007), Cara Buckley, Jeff Himpele (2008)

*Department of Anthropology, Cornell University*  
Lorna Rhodes (Spring 2012), Ian Whitmarsh (Fall 2012)

*Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University*  
María Elena García (Fall 2013), José Antonio Lucero (Fall 2013)

**Proposal Reviewer:**

Oxford University Press (1x)  
Society for the Humanities, Cornell University (1x)

**Manuscript Reviewer:**

American Ethnologist (2x)  
American Anthropologist (2x)  
Anthropological Theory (x1)  
Cities (1x)  
Conflict, Security and Development (1x)  
Childhood (1x)  
Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology (2x)  
Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (2x)  
Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute (1x)  
Urvio: Revista Latinoamericana de la Seguridad Ciudadana (2x)  
University of California Press (x1)

**Graduate Student Representative**, Department of Anthropology, Princeton  
(liaison between graduate students and faculty, 2004-05)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Princeton Introduction to Anthropology, 2001-2002

**Graduate Student Representative**, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 2001-2002

**Cinema Series Coordinator**, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 2001-2002



**Small Symposium Organizer**, Disciplinary Politics & Anthropological Knowledge: A Discussion  
About Integration & Disintegration Between Anthropology's Subfields, George Washington University, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Anthropology, George Washington University  
Introduction to Anthropology, 1998-1999

## **RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

**Faculty Fellow**, 2013-2014  
*Society for the Humanities*, Cornell University

**Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow**, 2009-2011  
*A.D. White Center for the Humanities*, Cornell University

**Research Associate**, 2005-6  
*Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)*, Ecuadorian chapter

**Affiliated Researcher**, Global Prisons Research Network, Copenhagen, Denmark (2010-)

**Graduate Fellow**, 2004-2005  
*Center for the Study of Religion*, Princeton

**Research Affiliate**, 2002-2003  
*Center for the Arts & Cultural Policy Studies*, Princeton

**Research Assistant**, 1997-1998  
*Henry Luce Foundation* (with Luce professor Bernard Wood), George Washington University

**Research Assistant**, Spring 1996  
*Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars* (with Center fellow Edward Tenner).

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Cultures of Confinement • Humanitarianism • Contemporary Prisons**  
**• Spanish American Monasteries • Saintry Ethics • Political Theology**  
**• Colonial and Postcolonial History • Critical Race Theory •**

**Ethnographic & Archive Research • Ecuador • Latin America •  
United States**

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**American Anthropological Association**

**Society for Cultural Anthropology**

**Global Prisons Research Network**

**American Comparative Literature Association**

**Latin American Studies Association**

## **Academic References:**

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